# Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Verizon Petition for Pricing Flexibility for	)	WCB/Pricing No. 04-01
Special Access and Dedicated Transport	Ć	
Services	)	
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#### MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Adopted: May 12, 2004 Released: May 12, 2004

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. On January 16, 2004, the Verizon Telephone Companies (Verizon) filed a petition seeking pricing flexibility for special access and dedicated transport services in designated geographic areas. Specifically, Verizon has applied for Phase I and Phase II relief for four additional MSAs within its service territory. As detailed below, the Commission established the parameters for granting pricing flexibility for special access and dedicated transport services in its *Pricing Flexibility Order*. In doing so, the Commission recognized the importance of granting pricing flexibility to incumbent local exchange carriers (LECs) as competition develops in the market for interstate access services "to ensure that our regulations do not unduly interfere with the operation of those markets." For the reasons that follow, we grant Verizon's petition.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Verizon Petition for Pricing Flexibility for Special Access and Dedicated Transport Services (filed Jan. 16, 2004); Pleading Cycle Established for Verizon Petition for Pricing Flexibility for Special Access and Dedicated Transport Services, WCB/Pricing 04-01, Public Notice, 19 FCC Rcd 1084 (Wireline Comp. Bur., 2004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Access Charge Reform, CC Docket No. 96-262, Fifth Report and Order, 14 FCC Rcd 14221 (1999) (Pricing Flexibility Order), aff'd, WorldCom, Inc. v. FCC, 238 F.3d 449 (D.C. Cir. 2001) (WorldCom). The Pricing Flexibility Order also addressed flexibility for switched access services, but those services are not at issue in the Verizon petition.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14224.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In the *Pricing Flexibility Order*, the Commission amended its rules expressly to delegate authority to the Chief, Common Carrier Bureau (now called the Wireline Competition Bureau), to act on petitions for pricing flexibility involving special access and dedicated transport services. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 0.291(j)(1).

#### II. BACKGROUND

- 2. To recover the costs of providing interstate access services, incumbent LECs charge interexchange carriers (IXCs) and end users for access services in accordance with the Commission's Part 69 access charge rules.<sup>5</sup> In the *Access Charge Reform First Report and Order*, the Commission adopted a market-based approach to access charge reform, pursuant to which it would relax restrictions on incumbent LEC pricing as competition emerges.<sup>6</sup> At that time, the Commission deferred resolution of the specific timing and degree of pricing flexibility to a future order.<sup>7</sup> Subsequently, in the *Pricing Flexibility Order*, the Commission provided detailed rules for implementing the market-based approach.<sup>8</sup>
- 3. The framework the Commission adopted in the *Pricing Flexibility Order* grants progressively greater flexibility to LECs subject to price cap regulation as competition develops, while ensuring that: (1) price cap LECs do not use pricing flexibility to deter efficient entry or engage in exclusionary pricing behavior; and (2) price cap LECs do not increase rates to unreasonable levels for customers that lack competitive alternatives. In addition, the reforms are designed to facilitate the removal of services from price cap regulation as competition develops in the marketplace, without imposing undue administrative burdens on the Commission or the industry. <sup>10</sup>
- 4. In keeping with these goals, the Commission established a framework for granting price cap LECs greater flexibility in the pricing of interstate access services once they make a competitive showing, or satisfy certain "triggers," to demonstrate that market conditions in a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. Part 69. Part 69 establishes two basic categories of access services: special access services and switched access services. *Compare* 47 C.F.R. § 69.106 *with id.* § 69.114. Special access services employ dedicated facilities that run directly between the end user and an IXC point of presence (POP), the physical plant where an IXC connects its network with the LEC network. Charges for special access services generally are divided into channel termination charges and channel mileage charges. Channel termination charges recover the costs of facilities between the customer's premises and the LEC end office and the costs of facilities between the IXC POP and the LEC serving wire center. *See id.* §§ 69.703(a). Channel mileage charges recover the costs of facilities (also known as interoffice facilities) between the LEC serving wire center and the LEC end office serving the end user. *See Pricing Flexibility Order*, 14 FCC Rcd at 14226-27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Access Charge Reform, CC Docket No. 96-262, First Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 15982 (1997) (Access Charge Reform First Report and Order), aff'd, Southwestern Bell v. FCC, 153 F.3d 523 (8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1998).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Access Charge Reform First Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd at 15989.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14225 (citing Access Charge Reform First Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd at 15989, 16094-95).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14225. The Commission instituted price cap regulation for the Regional Bell Operating Companies (RBOCs) and GTE in 1991, and permitted other LECs to adopt price cap regulation voluntarily, subject to certain conditions. Policy and Rules Concerning Rates for Dominant Carriers, CC Docket No. 87-313, Second Report and Order, 5 FCC Rcd 6786, 6818-20 (1990). The Pricing Flexibility Order applies only to LECs that are subject to price cap regulation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14225.

particular area warrant the relief they seek. Pricing flexibility for special access and dedicated transport services<sup>11</sup> is available in two phases, based on an analysis of competitive conditions in individual metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs).<sup>12</sup>

- 5. Phase I Pricing Flexibility. A price cap LEC that obtains Phase I relief is allowed to offer, on one day's notice, contract tariffs<sup>13</sup> and volume and term discounts for qualifying services, so long as the services provided pursuant to contract are removed from price caps. <sup>14</sup> To protect those customers that may lack competitive alternatives, a price cap LEC receiving Phase I flexibility must maintain its generally available price cap constrained tariffed rates for these services. <sup>15</sup> To obtain Phase I relief, a price cap LEC must meet triggers designed to demonstrate that competitors have made irreversible, sunk investments in the facilities needed to provide the services at issue. In particular, to receive pricing flexibility for dedicated transport and special access services (other than channel terminations to end users), a price cap LEC must demonstrate that unaffiliated competitors have collocated in at least 15 percent of the LEC's wire centers within an MSA, or have collocated in wire centers accounting for 30 percent of the LEC's revenues from these services within an MSA. <sup>16</sup> In both cases, the price cap LEC also must show, with respect to *each* wire center, that at least one collocator is relying on transport facilities provided by an entity other than the incumbent LEC. <sup>17</sup>
- 6. Higher thresholds apply for obtaining Phase I pricing flexibility for channel terminations between a LEC's end office and an end user customer. A competitor collocating in a LEC end office continues to rely on the LEC's facilities for the channel termination between the end office and the customer premises, at least initially, and thus is more susceptible to exclusionary pricing behavior by the LEC.<sup>18</sup> As a result, a price cap LEC must demonstrate that unaffiliated competitors have collocated in at least 50 percent of the LEC's wire centers within an MSA, or have collocated in wire centers accounting for 65 percent of the LEC's revenues

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> For purposes of pricing flexibility proceedings, "dedicated transport services" refer to services associated with entrance facilities, direct-trunked transport, and the dedicated component of tandem-switched transport. *Pricing Flexibility Order*, 14 FCC Rcd at 14234. These services are defined in 47 C.F.R. § 69.2(qq) (entrance facilities), § 69.2(oo) (direct-trunked transport), and § 69.2(ss) (tandem-switched transport).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 22.909(a) (definition of MSA).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> A contract tariff is a tariff based on an individually negotiated service contract. *See Competition in the Interstate Interexchange Marketplace*, CC Docket No. 90-132, Report and Order, 6 FCC Rcd 5880, 5897 (1991) (*Interexchange Competition Order*); 47 C.F.R. § 61.3(o). *See also* 47 C.F.R. § 61.55 (describing required composition of contract-based tariffs).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14287.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 14234-35.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> *Id.* at 14274, 14277-81; 47 C.F.R.§ 69.709(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 69.709(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14279.

from these services within an MSA.<sup>19</sup> Again, the LEC also must demonstrate, with respect to each wire center, that at least one collocator is relying on transport facilities provided by an entity other than the incumbent LEC.<sup>20</sup>

Phase II Pricing Flexibility. A price cap LEC that receives Phase II relief is allowed to offer dedicated transport and special access services free from the Commission's Part 69 rate structure and Part 61 price cap rules. The LEC, however, is required to file, on one day's notice, generally available tariffs for those services for which it receives Phase II relief.<sup>21</sup> To obtain Phase II relief, a price cap LEC must meet triggers designed to demonstrate competition for the services at issue within the MSA is sufficient to preclude the incumbent from exploiting any individual market power over a sustained period. To obtain Phase II relief for dedicated transport and special access services (other than channel terminations to end users), a price cap LEC must demonstrate that unaffiliated competitors have collocated in at least 50 percent of the LEC's wire centers within an MSA, or have collocated in wire centers accounting for 65 percent of the LEC's revenues from these services within an MSA.<sup>22</sup> Higher thresholds apply for obtaining Phase II pricing flexibility relief for channel terminations between a LEC end office and an end user customer. To obtain such relief, a price cap LEC must demonstrate that unaffiliated competitors have collocated in at least 65 percent of the LEC's wire centers within an MSA, or have collocated in wire centers accounting for 85 percent of the LEC's revenues from these services within an MSA.<sup>23</sup> Once again, the LEC also must demonstrate, with respect to each wire center, that at least one collocator is relying on transport facilities provided by an entity other than the incumbent LEC.<sup>24</sup>

#### III. DISCUSSION

#### A. Petitions and Comments

8. Verizon seeks pricing flexibility for certain dedicated transport and special access services listed in its petition and set forth in Appendix A of this order. <sup>25</sup> Appendix B sets forth

<sup>25</sup> See supra para. 1. We note that the Bureau previously granted Verizon Phase I and II pricing flexibility for certain special access and channel termination services in various geographic areas across the country. See Verizon Petitions for Pricing Flexibility for Special Access and Dedicated Transport Services WCB/Pricing Nos. 02-33 and 00-24, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 18 FCC Rcd 6237 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2003) and 16 FCC Rcd 5889 (Com. Car. Bur. 2001), respectively. See also Petition of Verizon for Pricing Flexibility for Special Access and Dedicated Transport Services, CCB/CPD File No. 01-27, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 5359 (Com. Car. Bur. 2002).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14280-81; 47 C.F.R.§ 69.711(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 69.711(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> *Id.* at 14299-14301; 47 C.F.R. § 69.727(b)(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14299; 47 C.F.R. § 69.709(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14235; 47 C.F.R. § 69.711(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 69.711(c).

the various forms of pricing flexibility (Phase I or Phase II) requested by Verizon and lists the MSAs for which the relief is requested.

- AT&T filed comments in opposition to Verizon's petition. 26 Specifically, AT&T contends that it demonstrates in its Petition for Rulemaking<sup>27</sup> that price cap LECs are charging unjust and unreasonable rates in areas where they have already received pricing flexibility. In asking the Commission to institute a moratorium on any further grants of pricing flexibility pending a rulemaking proceeding, AT&T asserts that ARMIS reports for 2001 show that the dominant incumbent LECs are earning rates of return dramatically higher than the 11.25 percent that was found to be just and reasonable in 1990.<sup>28</sup> AT&T argues that these rates of return are even more unreasonable in light of the lower inflation and debt interest rates that prevail today. Citing language from the Commission's recent *Triennial Review Order*, AT&T notes that the Commission itself has found that the competitive entry that has occurred in the special access market is limited to the very highest capacity services (i.e., OC-n level services).<sup>29</sup> AT&T also contends that the triggers for pricing flexibility fail to measure whether meaningful competition exists for the relevant services. Thus, AT&T alleges that the Bells' month-to-month special access rates are uniformly higher in areas in which they have received Phase II pricing flexibility than they are in areas still subject to price caps. 30 AT&T does not, however, challenge Verizon's showing that it meets the Commission's established requirements for pricing flexibility.
- 10. In response, Verizon contends that the arguments regarding the Commission's pricing flexibility rules and triggers are merely collateral attacks on the *Pricing Flexibility Order* and that the only issue relevant to this proceeding is whether the petitioner has satisfied the criteria for a grant of pricing flexibility. Verizon also contends that AT&T's moratorium request is, in essence, "a request that such petitions be denied regardless of the merits." <sup>32</sup> Verizon further contends that, since its instant petition satisfies the current pricing flexibility

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> AT&T Opposition To Verizon Petition For Pricing Flexibility For Special Access and Dedicated Transport Services at 2 (filed Feb. 2, 2004) (AT&T Opposition).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup>AT&T Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Services, RM No. 10593, Petition of AT&T (filed Oct. 15, 2002); see also Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Comment On AT&T's Petition For Rulemaking To Reform Regulation Of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates For Interstate Special Access Services, Public Notice, 17 FCC Rcd 21530 (Wire. Comp. Bur. 2002).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> AT&T Opposition at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> *Id.* at 2 (citing *Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligatons of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers*, Report and Order and Order on Remand and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 18 FCC Rcd 16978 (2003) (*Triennial Review Order*)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Reply of Verizon at 1 (filed Feb. 12, 2004) (Verizon Reply).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> *Id.* at 2.

rules, "unless and until the Commssion changes it rules...there is no legal basis for the Commission to deny a petition that meets those rules." <sup>33</sup>

# B. Adequacy of the Pricing Flexibility Rules

- 11. As a threshold matter, we reject AT&T's arguments regarding the adequacy of the Commission's pricing flexibility rules to identify competitive markets. We have stated repeatedly that we will not consider collateral challenges to the *Pricing Flexibility Order* when reviewing a pricing flexibility petition.<sup>34</sup> In this proceeding, we restrict ourselves to determining whether the petition satisfies the requirements for pricing flexibility for special access and dedicated transport services set forth in the Commission's rules.
- 12. We also reject AT&T's request for a moratorium on all pricing flexibility petitions until we have acted on its petition to reregulate special access services. The Commission's rules in effect at this time provide for a grant of pricing flexibility where the incumbent LEC has made the required evidentiary showing.

# C. Competitive Showing Required for Pricing Flexibility

showings. An incumbent LEC bears the burden of proving that it has satisfied the applicable triggers for the pricing flexibility it seeks for each MSA.<sup>35</sup> For special access and dedicated transport services, the Commission established two means of satisfying this requirement. In the first, the incumbent must show: (1) the total number of wire centers in the MSA; (2) the number and location of the wire centers in which competitors have collocated; (3) the name, in each wire center on which the incumbent bases its petition, of at least one collocator that uses transport facilities owned by a provider other than the incumbent to transport traffic from that wire center; and (4) that the percentage of wire centers in which competitors have collocated and use competitive transport satisfies the trigger the Commission adopted with respect to the pricing flexibility sought by the incumbent LEC.<sup>36</sup> Alternatively, the incumbent must show: (1) the total base period<sup>37</sup> revenues generated by the services for which the incumbent seeks relief in the MSA for which the incumbent seeks relief; (2) the name, in each wire center on which the incumbent bases its petition, of at least one collocator that uses transport facilities owned by a provider other than the incumbent to transport traffic from that wire center; and (3) that the wire centers in which

<sup>34</sup> See, e.g., Petition of Ameritech Illinois, Ameritech Indiana, Ameritech Michigan, Ameritech Ohio, and Ameritech Wisconsin for Pricing Flexibility, Petition of Pacific Bell Telephone Company for Pricing Flexibility, Petition of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for Pricing Flexibility, File Nos. CCB/CPD 00-26, 00-23, 00-25, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 5889 (Com. Car. Bur. 2001).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Pricing Flexibility Order, 14 FCC Rcd at 14309.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.774(a)(3)(i)-(iv)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> For price cap LECs, the "base period" is the 12-month period (*i.e.*, the calendar year) ending 6 months before the effective date of the LECs' annual access tariffs. 47 C.F.R. § 61.3(g).

competitors have collocated and use competitive transport account for a sufficient percentage of the incumbent's base period revenues generated by the services at issue within the relevant MSA to satisfy the trigger the Commission adopted for the pricing flexibility sought by the incumbent LEC.<sup>38</sup>

- 14. With respect to each MSA, Verizon chose the latter, revenue-based alternative to demonstrate that it has met the applicable trigger(s).<sup>39</sup> For its data calculations, Verizon began by attributing revenues to specific wire centers.<sup>40</sup> Verizon extracted the underlying revenue data from its Carrier Access Billing System (CABS).<sup>41</sup> In the former Bell Atlantic areas, Verizon extracted information from year 2002 billing records at the circuit level, apportioning mileage-based revenue between wire centers as appropriate.<sup>42</sup> In the former GTE areas, Verizon extracted information from year 2002 billing records at the product or service level, apportioning revenue by applying the ratio of a particular wire center's mileage revenue to the larger circuit's total mileage revenue.<sup>43</sup> Whenever a wire center was not identifiable in Verizon's billing databases, Verizon apportioned the revenue to its wire centers in the same proportion suggested by the majority of the data, including wire center information.<sup>44</sup>
- 15. Verizon identified those MSAs that qualify for pricing flexibility by: (1) assigning wire centers to individual MSAs; (2) calculating end user channel termination revenue, together with all other special access and dedicated transport revenue earned in each MSA; (3) calculating end user channel termination revenue, together with all other special access and dedicated transport revenue, that was attributable to each collocated wire center within the MSA;

<sup>42</sup> Verizon's methodology for the former Bell Atlantic areas consisted of apportioning mileage revenue between specific ends of transmission paths: (1) 50 percent to each office, when both wire centers are Verizon offices; or (2) 100 percent to the Verizon office, when the other wire center is for another LEC's office. *Id.* at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.774(a)(3)(i)-(iii), (iv)(B).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Verizon Petition, Attachment B at 1-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Verizon's methodology consisted of attributing revenue: (1) to the serving wire center, for entrance facilities and channel terminations between an IXC's POP and Verizon's serving wire center; (2) to the end office, for channel terminations between Verizon's end office and an end user customer; (3) 50 percent to each wire center on either end of dedicated services between Verizon wire centers; or (4) to the wire center where any other equipment and facilities providing service other than the above are located. *Id*.

<sup>41</sup> *Id* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Because the end points of mileage circuits could not be identified, Verizon's methodology for the former GTE areas consisted of apportioning mileage revenue between circuits: (1) 50 percent to each office, when both wire centers are Verizon offices; or (2) 100 percent to the Verizon office, when the other wire center is another LEC's office. *Id.* at 3. Verizon then calculated a ratio in which the numerator was the particular wire center's mileage revenue, and the denominator was the total mileage revenue for all wire centers. *Id.* Finally, this ratio was applied to the total year 2002 mileage revenue (using December 2002 CABS billing data) to derive each particular wire center's year 2002 mileage revenue. *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> *Id.* at 4. The unidentified revenue is less than one percent of the total revenues in the MSAs for which Verizon seeks pricing flexibility. *Id.* 

and (4) calculating the percentage of such revenue earned in the collocated wire centers against the total revenues earned in the MSA.<sup>45</sup>

- 16. Finally, Verizon stated pursuant to section 1.774(e)(ii) of the Commission's rules that it provided the required notice to the relevant collocators on which this application is based.<sup>46</sup> Verizon also stated that it inspected all of the relevant wire centers for collocators and the presence of operational non-Verizon collocation transport facilities.<sup>47</sup>
- 17. After reviewing Verizon's verification method, as described in the petition, together with the data provided in the public and confidential versions of its petition and in its reply, we find that Verizon has met the applicable triggers in section 1.774 of the Commission's rules. Based upon a review of the information submitted, we conclude that Verizon has satisfied its burden of demonstrating that it has met the applicable requirements for each of the various services and MSAs for which it requests relief.

#### IV. ORDERING CLAUSES

18. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 1.774 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.774, and the authority delegated by sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, and the *Pricing Flexibility Order*, the petition filed by Verizon Telephone Companies, Inc. IS GRANTED to the extent detailed herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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<sup>46</sup> Verizon Petition, Attachment E.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> *Id.* at 4.

<sup>47</sup> *Id.*, Attachment F.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.774.

# APPENDIX A SERVICES OUALIFYING FOR PRICING FLEXIBILITY

# <u>Verizon-East</u> <u>Verizon-West</u>

### Special Access Basket Special Access Basket

MetallicMetallicEnterprise ServiceTelegraphTelegraphVoice Grade

Voice GradeWATS Access LineWATS Access LineProgram AudioProgram AudioVideo ConnectVideoWideband AnalogWideband AnalogWideband Data

Wideband Data DDS

DDS Fractional T1 (FT1)
DS1 European T1 (ET1)

DS3 MetroLAN

SONET Services DS1
Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI) DS3

Internet Protocol Routing Service (IPRS) Fiber Connect

Facilities Management Service (FMS) Optical Networking Services

Frame Relay Services TCP/IP

DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) Services Frame Relay Services

TLS (Transparent LAN Service) DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) Services

SMDS (Switced Multi-Megabit Data Services TLS (Transparent LAN Service)

ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) Services ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) Services

# <u>Trunking Basket</u> <u>Trunking Basket</u>

Metallic Metallic VG VG

DS1 Fractional T1 (FT1)

DS3 DS1 SONET Services DS3

Facilities Management Services (FMS) Optical Networking Services

# **APPENDIX B**

# $\frac{PRICING\ FLEXIBILITY\ RELIEF\ FOR\ DEDICATED\ TRANSPORT\ AND\ SPECIAL}{ACCESS\ SERVICES}$

MSA Type of Relief Requested

Dutchess County NY
Phase II
Flint MI
Phase I
Houston TX
Phase I
Elkhart-Goshen IN
Phase II

# PRICING FLEXIBILITY RELIEF FOR CHANNEL TERMINATIONS TO END USERS

MSA Type of Relief Requested

Elkhart-Goshan IN Phase I